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**IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION
APPELLATE SIDE**

W.P.A. No. 20524 of 2025

**Shila Mandal
Versus
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Ms. Debjani Sahoo
Mr. Arun Khutia

...for the Petitioner.

Mr. Hemanta Kr. Das

...for the State.

1. Affidavit-of-service filed on behalf of the petitioner is taken on record.
2. By the present writ petition, the petitioner seeks for direction upon the respondent authorities for disbursement of interest on delayed payment of revised gratuity amount and arrear family pension amount as per Pension Payment Order dated 6th March, 2022 from the date of effect of ROPA, 2019 till the date of actual payment of arrear amount.
3. The petitioner contends that her husband was an Assistant Teacher of the BH 34 Munsurpur Primary School, District Murshidabad. The petitioner's husband died in harness on 23rd February, 2017. The pension payment order was issued on 29th November, 2017. The gratuity amount and arrear family pension was disbursed on 10th August, 2018. The revised pension payment order was issued on 6th March,

2022. The revised gratuity and arrear family pension was received on 7th March, 2022. However, no interest was paid on the delayed payment of revised amount. Hence, this writ petition.

4. Ms. Debjani Sahoo, learned Advocate appearing on behalf of the petitioner seeks for specific direction upon respondent nos.2 and 3, the Director of Pension, Provident fund and Group Insurance, Government of West Bengal and the Treasury Officer, Berhampore-I, respectively, for disbursement of the interest on the arrear of gratuity and arrear of family pension amount from the date of ROPA, 2019 was given effect to till the actual payment of arrear amount.
5. Learned Advocate for the State leave the matter to the discretion of this Court.
6. Under ROPA Rules, 2019, there was revision of the pension, gratuity and computation of pension of the pensioners vide Memorandum of the Government of West Bengal bearing No.53/ES/P/P&B/10M-99/2019 dated 14th February, 2020.
7. From the contention as well as materials on record, it is found that there is delay in making payment of the revised amount of gratuity and arrear family pension. Hence, the petitioner is entitled to the interest as prayed for.
8. In view of the above, the respondent No.2, Director of Pension, Provident Fund and Group Insurance,

Government of West Bengal and respondent no.3, the Treasury Officer, Kandi, Murshidabad are directed to pay interest on the revised gratuity and arrear family pension @ 8% per annum from the date of notification of the aforesaid Government Order, i.e. February 14, 2020 till the date of actual payment of the revised gratuity and arrear family pension in terms of the said revised Pension Payment Order.

9. The payment as aforesaid shall be made within a period of eight weeks from the date of communication of this order.
10. Petitioner is directed to communicate this order to respondent No.2, Director of Pension, Provident Fund and Group Insurance, Government of West Bengal and respondent no.3, the Treasury Officer, Kandi, Murshidabad, for necessary compliance.
11. With the above direction, the writ petition being **WPA 20524 of 2025** stands disposed of.
12. Since no affidavits have been called for, the allegation made in the writ petition is deemed to be not admitted.
13. Interim order, if any, stands vacated.
14. All connected applications, if any, stand disposed of.
15. There shall be no order as to costs.
16. All concerned parties shall act in terms of the copy of the order duly downloaded from the official website of this Court.

17. Urgent Photostat certified copy of the order, if applied for, be given to the parties on compliance of all necessary legal formalities.

(Bivas Pattanayak, J.)